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SUBJ: REGIONAL RESOURCE OFFICER

REF: JAKARTA 16453, STATE 307358

1. WHILE WE ARE WITHOUT BENIFIT OF THE DETELS ON THE SUBJECT OF A REGIONAL RESOURCE OFFICER TO BE BASED IN JAKARTA, IT IS OUR READING OF JAKARTA 16453 THAT THIS DOES NOT INVOLVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW POSITION IN JAKARTA BUT RATHER THE CREATION OF A NEW FUNCTION FOR AN EXISTING POSITION OR POSITIONS IN JAKARTA. IN ANY CASE, WE WOULD AGREE WITH JAKARTA'S CONCLUSION THAT THE NEW FUNCTION WOULD PROBABLY DUPLICATE OUR WORK HERE. WE WOULD BE OPPOSED TO A REGIONAL RESOURCE OFFICER IN MANILA, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF OUR ALREADY VERY LARGE PRESENCE HERE BUT ALSO BECAUSE MANILA IS NOT THE LOGICAL SITE FOR SUCH AN OFFICER.

2. WITH REGARD TO RESOURCES, THERE ARE SEVERAL IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE PHILIPPINES DOES NOT PRODUCE OIL, AND EVEN IF OIL IS FOUND TOMORROW, IT WILL BE SOME TIME BEFORE IT IS A PRODUCER. THE IMPORTANT PHILIPPINE COMMODITIES WHICH ENTER WORLD TRADE ARE SUGAR AND COCONUT PRODUCTS, WHEREAS INDONESIA IS NOT A SUGAR EXPORTER AND HAS ALLOWED ITS COCONUT INDUSTRY TO DIE. THERE IS SOME COMMONALITY IN MINERALS, PRINCIPALLY IN NICKEL. ANOTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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